# Bustin' A Move In My Relationships

*"Bustin' A Move", Part 2 of 5*
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*"Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is really faithful?"* (Proverbs 20:6, NLT)

***Five Personal Principles That Will Help You "Bust A Move" In Your Relationships***

**1) Effort: To make a great friend ___BE A GREAT FRIEND___.**

*"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow and I'll help you.'"* (Proverbs 3:27-28, NLT)

*"Never abandon a friend— either yours or your father's. Then in your time of need, you won't have to ask your relatives for assistance."* (Proverbs 27:10a, NLT)

**2) Pace: When forming relationships ___TAKE IT SLOW___.**

*"Seldom set foot in your neighbors house— too much of you and he will hate you."* (Proverbs 25:17, NIV)

*"...a person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way."* (Proverbs 19:2b, NLT)

***What to pace:** 1) Pace your ___WORDS___. (Prov. 10:19, 13:3, 25:11, 29:20)

2) Pace your ___UNDERSTANDING___. (Prov.20:5)

3) Pace your ___DEMANDS___. (Prov.17:18)

4) Pace your ___TRUST___. (Prov.26:24-26)

5) Pace your ___INTIMACY___. (Prov.6:24-29)

**3) Assessment: Constantly evaluate ___RELATIONAL EQUITY__.**

*"Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble."* (Proverbs 25:19, NIV)

*"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need."* (Proverbs 17:17, NLT)

**4) Discernment: Carefully screen _YOUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS_.**

*"A righteous man is cautious in friendship..."* (Proverbs 12:26a, NIV)

*"Zeal without knowledge is not good..."* (Proverbs 19:2a, NLT)

***Areas to examine:** 1) ___COMMUNICATION___ patterns. (Prov.11:13)

2) ___EMOTIONAL___ management. (Prov.14:29)

3) ___RELATIONAL___ concern. (Prov.21:29)

**5) Limits: Realize your deepest needs are only _MET IN CHRIST_.**

*"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* (Proverbs 18:24, NIV)

*"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."* (John 15:15, NIV)